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Adoption of the agenda and other organizational matters

Adoption of the agenda and organization of work

I. Background

1. The Economic and Social Council, in its resolution 1199 (XLII) of 24 May 1967, decided that the United Nations programme in public administration and finance should from time to time be reviewed by a meeting of experts, taking into account the public administration aspects of all programmes of the United Nations system, and that their report should be submitted for consideration to the Council. Pursuant to that resolution, the meeting of the Group of Experts on the United Nations Programme in Public Administration and Finance had taken place on a biennial basis and the Group of Experts acted as a functional commission of the Council in the field of public administration and finance.

2. In its resolution 2001/45 of 20 December 2001 entitled "Restructuring and revitalization of the Group of Experts on the United Nations Programme in Public Administration and Finance", the Economic and Social Council decided to rename the Group of Experts on the United Nations Programme in Public Administration and Finance, the Committee of Experts on Public Administration. Pursuant to the terms of reference of the Committee of Experts adopted by the Council in its resolution 2001/45, the Council approved the topics to be discussed by the Committee of Expert and approved its membership, on the basis of proposals made by the Secretary-General.

II. Annotated provisional agenda

3. The first meeting of the Committee of Experts on Public Administration will have the following agenda:

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1. Election of officers.

2. Adoption of the agenda and other organizational matters.

3. Enhancing the capacity of public administration to implement the United Nations Millennium Declaration.

   Documentation

   Reports of the Secretary-General on various aspects of capacity enhancement, such as policy development capacity, institutional capacity, human resources capacity, financial capacity and technological capacity (E/C.16/2002/3; E/C.16/2002/4; E/C.16/2002/5; E/C.16/2002/6)

4. Basic data on the public sector.

   Documentation

   Report of the Secretary-General on the refinement of the methodology agreed by the former Group of Experts on the United Nations Programme in Public Administration and Finance and brought to the attention of the Economic and Social Council at its substantive session of 2000 on the collection and analysis of data on the public sector (E/C.16/2002/2)

5. Review of United Nations activities on public administration.

   The Committee of Experts will be briefed orally on the general trends of the United Nations activities in public administration to obtain the guidance of the Council.

6. Proposed programme of work and agenda for the next meeting of the Committee of Experts.

   The Committee of Experts will make recommendations to the Economic and Social Council in this respect.